

# Microblogging: Twitter



[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

Twitter is a microblogging service. Twitter allows the user to send brief messages (called “tweets”) of up to 140 characters. The message can be public or directed to a specific person (publically where everyone can see it or directly, in which case it is private).

Below are some organizations and educators that use twitter – visit their page to get a quick feel about what microblogging is and how it works.

1. <http://twitter.com/cnn>
2. <http://twitter.com/oprah>
3. <http://twitter.com/Willrich45>
4. <http://twitter.com/dwarlick>
5. <http://twitter.com/elemenous>
6. <http://twitter.com/ckendall>
7. <http://twitter.com/langwitches>

**Searching on Twitter.** Go to <http://search.twitter.com>. You can put a keyword(s) in the search box or click on Advanced Search and use the many options. Try searching on a particular keyword of interest to you. What did you find?

**Finding other Twitter Users to create your community.** The real power of Twitter comes in finding and creating a network. The following two sites are places where Twitter users have shared their information and are good starting points.

1. Twitter4Teachers, <http://twitter4teachers.pbworks.com>, is a place where teachers have added themselves to this wiki.
2. WeFollow, <http://wefollow.com>, is a place to find people based on Tags (keywords).

## Online Resources

100 Ways to Teach with Twitter

<http://www.emergingedtech.com/2010/02/100-ways-to-teach-with-twitter/>

Best Practices in a Twitter-enhanced High School Classroom

<http://teachpaperless.blogspot.com/2009/05/best-practices-in-twitter-enhanced-high.html>

Twitter in Kindergarten

[http://www.techflash.com/Twitter\\_in\\_Kindergarten\\_43791617.html](http://www.techflash.com/Twitter_in_Kindergarten_43791617.html)

Visit Cindy’s Delicious Account to see the latest resources related to twitter at

<http://delicious.com/ckendall/twitter>

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Here is a snapshot from Cindy Kendall's Twitter page at <http://twitter.com/ckendall>

This update is a public message to langwitches

@langwitches Good morning campers from Lansing, Michigan!

5:07 AM Jun 3rd from TweetDeck in reply to langwitches

Working on projects from home today.

5:41 AM Jun 3rd from TweetDeck

Excellent thoughts on social media policy 4 professional presence 4 individual, classroom, school, or organization <http://twurl.nl/1qu8jx>

2:19 PM Jun 2nd from TweetDeck

Kim Cofino overviews the Parent Technology Coffee Mornings she offers at her elementary school at <http://twurl.nl/oay5he>

6:24 AM May 31st from web

@CFCA Greetings from Lansing, Michigan to the folks interested in social media! It is a terrific medium for connecting!

4:11 PM May 29th from TweetDeck in reply to CFCA

@weissallison Are you at @chericem's learning spaces session by chance? You two should connect at #iallt09.

2:30 PM May 29th from TweetDeck in reply to weissallison

Volunteering translating third world entrepreneur microloans from Spanish to English for <http://kiva.org>

2:24 PM May 29th from TweetDeck

Ed tech folks: Free recycling from Apple - limited time only <http://twurl.nl/u1os86>

9:53 AM May 28th from TweetDeck

Ed tech folks: Good synaptic in today's Off the Mark comic <http://bit.ly/U4ME9> Enjoy!

6:09 AM May 27th from TweetDeck

Starting the week with a Biggby Brazilian mudslide. Decadent.

4:51 AM May 26th from TweetDeck

Including a link to a website. As website addresses can be very long, I used a service to shorten the URL to make it fit better in the 140 character limit

A pound sign # beside a word indicates a "hashtag" – a hashtag is used by many people to make searching and tracking tweets (updates) about a particular topic, in this case the 2009 IALLT conference